

## **News Release**

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## Corps of Engineers Proposes Improvements to McGregor Park at Belton Lake

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is continuing its long-term effort to plan and construct major improvements to the recreational facilities at Belton Lake and is announcing initiation of a planning effort for facility improvements at McGregor Park. Facility improvements have already been completed at several parks. Planning for McGregor Park, which is located within the northernmost portion of the lake approximately 2 miles off of State Highway 36, is now underway.

Initial findings of the park planning team indicate an immediate need to protect the existing man-made and natural features of the park from additional degradation. To meet this need, the first action to be taken in improving the park will be the establishment of a gated entrance which will be manned by a park host or gate attendant. The park can then be monitored during the daylight hours and closed at night.

At this time, the Corps is requesting comments and recommendations from the public concerning establishment of a gated entrance, night closure, and present-day and future recreational uses and facilities at McGregor Park. This is an opportunity for the public to make park facility preferences known to the Corps and to comment on operation and management issues.

Written comments should be sent to the following address by June 15, 2001:

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Final park improvement design plans will be available for public review in mid-July at the Belton/Stillhouse Hollow Lake Office and on the Belton Lake Homepage: <a href="http://www1.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/belton/">http://www1.swf-wc.usace.army.mil/belton/</a>